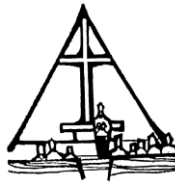


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# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2016

## Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting Three

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We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children's Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

***Bold Print*** – indicates congregation responds as a whole

\* – indicates congregation should stand as able

**PRELUDE** *The Cup of Love* Michael Shea

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** p. 94 (red tab)

\***OPENING HYMN** *Christ, the Life of All the Living* ELW # 339

\***GREETING** p. 138

\***KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE** *Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved* ELW # 602

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

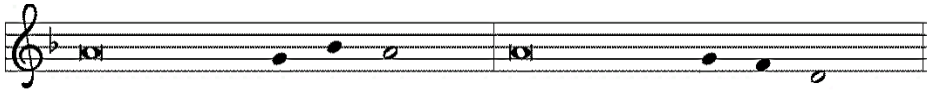
**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 O.T. p. 12

**PSALM – Psalm 27 – Is sung a capella and responsively**

*Cantor sings the verses not in bold (Odd numbered verses.)*

*Congregation sings the **bold verses** (Even numbered verses.)*



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**2**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

**3**Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**4**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

**5**For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

**6**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

**7**Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

**8**My heart speaks your message-- "Seek my face."

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

**9**Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away--you have been my helper;

forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**10**Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.

**11**Teach me your way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

**12**Subject me not to the will of my foes,

**for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

**13**This I believe--that I will see the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living!

**14**Wait for the LORD and be strong.

**Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

**SECOND LESSON** Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

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**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Return to the Lord*

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**\*GOSPEL**

\* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Luke 13:31-35

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**\*(C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.

**\*(C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*God Is Here!*

ELW # 526

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**OFFERING**

*Guide My Feet*

arr. Avis D. Graves

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow*

ELW # 885

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**DISTRIBUTION**

**To make the distribution of the Lord's Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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*In the Singing*

ELW # 466

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

ELW # 769

*Give Me Jesus*

ELW # 770

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW # 618

**\*DISMISSAL**

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**In observance of Lent, there will be no postludes during this season.**



Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren't taking your bulletin home, please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex. Thank you!



To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord’s Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that “in, with, and under” the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing. ***Worshippers unable to commune at the front of the church...Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring the Supper to you in your pew.***

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## THIS WEEK AT CROSS

**Today**, February 21 .....9:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Adult Education “My Calling”  
3:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists Board Meeting  
3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

Tuesday, February 23 .....7:30pm Roca de Horeb

Wednesday, February 24 .....5:45pm Soup Supper  
6:45pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service  
7:30pm Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir

Thursday, February 25.....3:00pm Worship Service at Bel Rae of Mounds View  
6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen  
7:30pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Prayer Group

Friday, February 26 .....6:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb

Saturday, February 27.....6:00am – 4:00pm Roca de Horeb – Upper Classroom  
9:30am – 12:30pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists  
5:30pm – 8:30pm Roca de Horeb

Sunday, February 28.....9:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship Service at The Homestead of Maplewood  
3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

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**Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer.** We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don’t pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.



### Table Prayer:

Our health is given by this food; our food, dear Lord, comes by your grace. Our thanks we offer in return at every meal, in every place. Amen.

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Stewardship Verse  
Micah 6:6a, 8



*With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*